
Warrior Ethos

Lesson 158-BCT0003

Basic Combat Training (BCT)



Terminal Learning Objective (TLO)

Action: Identify the key components of the Warrior Ethos.

Conditions: During Basic Combat Training (BCT), given experiential learning activities and basic Soldier skills, discussion with peers and drill instructor feedback, and reflection.

Standards:

- Define Army Leadership.
- Identify the components of leadership (purpose, motivation, and direction).
- Embrace Warrior Ethos.
- Define discipline.
- Review the Soldier's Creed.
- Identify uncertainty (such as risk and fear) during BCT.
- Overcome setbacks (such as adversity and challenges) during BCT.
- Instill Army culture.

Learning Domain: Cognitive

Level of Learning: Application



Video



Army Leadership

Leadership is the activity of influencing people by providing purpose, direction, and motivation to accomplish the mission and improve the organization.



Reference: ADP 6-22 para 1-74

Purpose

Leaders provide clear purpose for their subordinates.



Leaders convey purpose through direct means such as

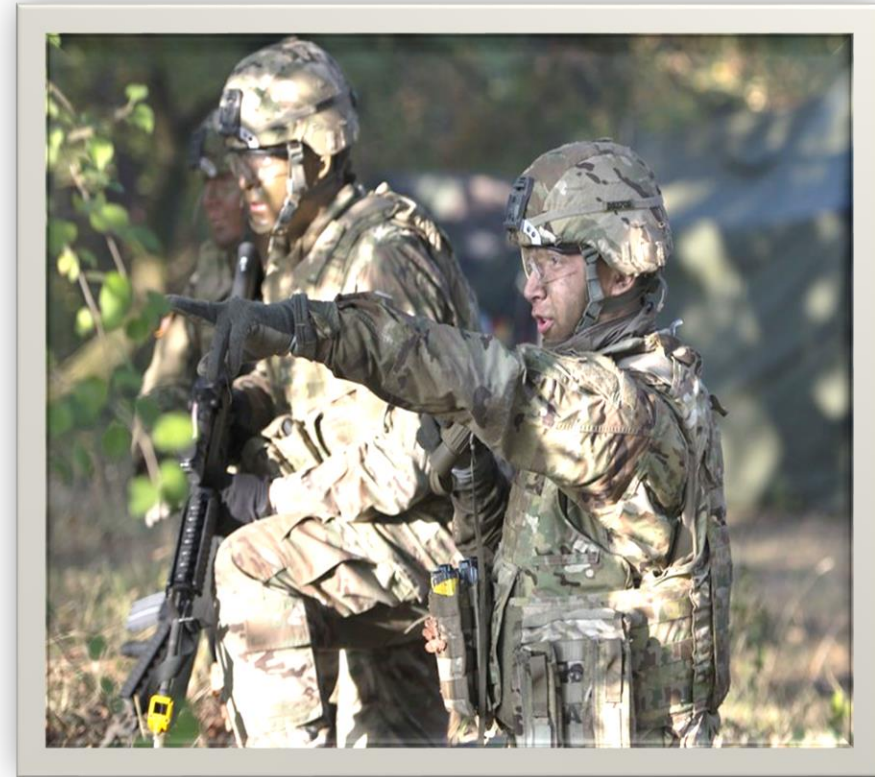
- Requests
- Directives
- Orders

Direction

Direction is telling others what to do.

To accomplish a mission, leaders must:

- Prioritize tasks
- Assign responsibility
- Supervise
- Ensure subordinates perform to standard



Motivation

Motivation is the will and initiative to do what is necessary to accomplish a mission.

A leader's role in motivation:


- Understand others' needs and desires
- Align team goals
- Inspire others to accomplish goals, even if it means risking their lives.



Soldier's Creed

The Warrior Ethos is contained within the Soldier's Creed.

The Soldier's Creed reflects a Soldier's selfless commitment to the Nation, mission, unit, and fellow Soldiers.





SOLDIER'S CREED

I AM AN AMERICAN SOLDIER.
I am a warrior and a member of a team.
I serve the people of the United States, and live the Army Values.
I will always place the mission first.
I will never accept defeat.
I will never quit.
I will never leave a fallen comrade.
I am disciplined, physically tough, and mentally tough, trained and proficient in my warrior tasks and drills.
I always maintain my arms, my equipment and myself.

I AM AN EXPERT AND I AM A PROFESSIONAL.
I stand ready to deploy, engage, and destroy, the enemies of the United States of America in close combat.
I am a guardian of freedom and the American way of life.

I AM AN AMERICAN SOLDIER.

AMERICA'S ARMY
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Reference: ADP 6-22 para 2-26



Warrior Ethos

Leaders develop and sustain the Warrior Ethos through

- Discipline
- Commitment to the Army Values
- Pride in the Army's heritage



Discipline

All leaders must demonstrate self-discipline

— the ability to control one's own behavior

—to do the harder right over the easier wrong.



Instilling Discipline

Discipline is not blindly following orders or imposing punishment for infractions.

It is the desire to do what is right even if it is difficult or dangerous.

It is the desire to accomplish the task well, not because of fear of punishment, but because of pride in one's unit and oneself.

Without self-discipline, there cannot be military discipline.



Esprit De Corps

Esprit de corps denotes the Army's winning spirit—a collective ethos of

- Camaraderie
- Mutual trust and
- Cohesive teamwork



Military standards establish levels of performance and achievement.

Army professionals strive for excellence in duty.



Tradition and History

Army members draw **strength** from knowing they are part of long-standing tradition.

Many of the Army's everyday customs and traditions remind Soldiers they are the latest addition to a long line of Soldiers.

Many historians place great emphasis on **esprit de corps and morale**.



Risk

Risk is the exposure of someone or something valued to danger, harm, or loss.

Because risk is part of every operation, it cannot be avoided.



Commanders carefully determine risks, analyze and minimize hazards as possible, and then accept risk to accomplish the mission.



Fear

Personal courage is not the absence of fear; it is the ability to put fear aside and do what is necessary or right.

Personal courage takes two forms: physical and moral.

Effective leaders demonstrate both.



Facing Adversity and Challenges

Resilience enables leaders to endure and prevail over hardships.

Resilience and commitment to accomplish the mission are critical to overcoming adversity.

Resilient leaders learn and grow from experiencing difficult situations.

Leaders instill resilience in their subordinates through personal example and tough, realistic training.

“The ability to forge victory out of the chaos of battle includes overcoming fear, hunger, deprivation, and fatigue.”



Overcoming Setbacks

Setbacks and errors will occur in any human endeavor.

Army professionals

- Learn from experience—both good and bad
- Develop good judgment and leadership
- Strive for continuous improvement



The Army Song

The Warrior Ethos is part of the Army Song.

The Army Song celebrates the Army's winning spirit.

The Army Song



"The Army Goes Rolling Along"

Verse:

March along, sing our song, with the Army of the free.
Count the brave, count the true, who have fought to victory.
We're the Army and proud of our name!
We're the Army and proudly proclaim:

First Chorus:

First to fight for the right,
And to build the Nation's might,
And the Army goes rolling along.
Proud of all we have done,
Fighting till the battle's won,
And the Army goes rolling along.

Refrain:

Then it's hi! hi! hey!
The Army's on its way.
Count off the cadence loud and strong;
For where'er we go,
You will always know
That the Army goes rolling along.

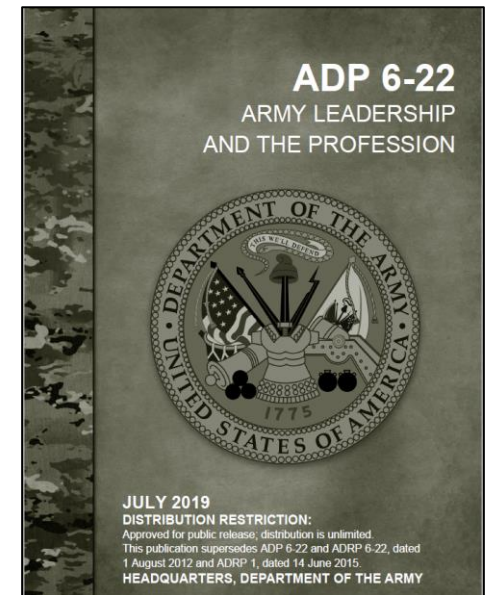
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Summary

Key topics:

- Leadership (purpose, motivation, and direction)
- Soldier's Creed and Warrior Ethos
- Discipline
- Tradition and history
- Risk and fear
- Facing adversity and challenges
- Overcoming setbacks
- The Army Song



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Training Support Packages



Videos and Case Studies



Army Leadership and The Profession



Virtual Simulators

Guided Leadership Discussion Tools



Doctrine



Brochures and Pamphlets



Army Leader Exchange (ALX)



Easy to Use

Minimal Prep Time for Instructor

Interactive, Small Group Oriented

Relevant to Varied Audiences

CAPL Training Resource Criteria

